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SUBJECT: CIVAIR - SEABOARD'S PROPOSED CARGO RATES

REF: (A) STATE 188355; (B) ROME 9897

1. LOCAL SEABOARD REP VISITED EMBASSY TODAY AND SHOWED EMBOFF COPY OF MESSAGE FROM HIS NEW YORK OFFICE DATED OCTOBER 17 INSTRUCTING HIM TO PUT PROPOSED CARGO RATES INTO EFFECT IMMEDIATELY. NEW YORK OFFICE HAS REPORTEDLY NOTIFIED FREIGHT FORWARDERS THAT NEW HIGH VOLUME RATES ARE NOW IN EFFECT BETWEEN ITALY AND THE UNITED STATES. NEW RATES BASED ON OCTOBER 17 CAB APPROVAL (OF WHICH EMBASSY UNAWARE) AND FACT THAT CIVILAVIA DID NOT DISAPPROVE SEABOARD'S AUGUST 27, 1973 RATE FILING WITHIN 15 DAYS.

2. EMBASSY DOES NOT BELIEVE AUGUST 27 SEABOARD FILING WAS VALID SINCE CAB APPROVAL LACKING AT THAT TIME. THEREFORE 15 DAY LIMITATION IN BILATERAL NOT RELEVANT IN THIS CASE. EMBOFF SO ADVISED SEABOARD REP. EMBOFF RECOMMENDED NEW FILING WITH CIVILAVIA BASED ON CAB APPROVAL AND NOT TO IMPLEMENT NEW RATES IN MEANTIME. SEABOARD REP CONCERNED THAT CARGO ALREADY SHIPPED AT NEW RATES.

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3. BOTH EMBASSY AND SEABOARD REP AGREE THAT CIVILAVIA WILL REACT

STRONGLY TO ANY ATTEMPT TO FORCE NEW RATES THROUGH AS NEW YORK OFFICE DESIRES, WITH CONSEQUENT DAMAGE LONG-TERM SEABOARD INTERESTS. GOI CAN INVOKE ARTICLE 10 (E) OF BILATERAL TO VOID RATES IN ANY CASE. MOREOVER, THIS ACTION COULD PREJUDICE CIVILAVIA APPROVAL OF EXTRA SECTIONS FOR SEABOARD.

4. EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT, BASED ON NEW FILING OF CAB APPROVED RATES, SEABOARD HAS CHANCE OF WINNING APPROVAL OF 30 TON RATE, ALTHOUGH PERHAPS AT SOMEWHAT HIGHER LEVEL THAN ENVISAGED BY SEABOARD. NOW THAT IATA HAS APPROVED 30 TON WEIGHT BREAK, ALITALIA'S OPPOSITION MAY HAVE SOFTENED. EMBASSY DOES NOT SEE ANY CHANCE OF FAVORABLE ACTION ON 15 TON BREAK POINT, BASED ON RECENT CONVERSATIONS WITH ALITALIA REPS.

5. EMBASSY REQUESTS DEPARTMENT URGE SEABOARD TO WITHHOLD APPLICATION NEW RATES AND MAKE VALID NEW FILING (ASSUMING CAB HAS IN FACT APPROVED NEW RATES) WITH DIVILAVIA AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

6. PLEASE ADVISE SOONEST. VOLPE

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